



ESAA Board of Directors Annual Meeting September 24, 2019

In attendance: Colleen Bell, Julie Brimble, Lynda Chase, Kathy Cunningham-Roy, Jane Danek, Tony DiSiena, Jane Flynn, Susie Kerwin-Bush, Judi Hunter, Sandy Miller, Mary Nowak, Anna Quigley, Julie Quirk, Coleen Raber, Lori Whorff. Guest Dave Mates.

The meeting called to order at 8:30 am CDT.

President's Comments:

- 🐾 Kathy opened the meeting with a goal of finishing by 2:30.

Continue with reports:

2019 National report

- 🐾 Janet Gray shared lessons learned about ESAA self-hosting the National.
- 🐾 Communication was difficult due to the spread-out proximity of the committee.
- 🐾 The Board needs to be aware of communication issues going back-and-forth between the BOD and the show chair.
- 🐾 Apathy was a key issue, starting with not being able to find a club willing to host the National.
- 🐾 Key committee members and BOD members need perks that cost nothing – better room placement, good location for grooming spaces, etc.
- 🐾 Comp room assignment is an issue.
- 🐾 We need an assigned judges' liaison committee.
- 🐾 Eliminate welcome bags.
- 🐾 Look at making the schedule/location more varied.
- 🐾 Some other breed clubs have a National committee.
- 🐾 Hotels are charging exorbitant fees for ball rooms. We need to look at other considerations.

National Specialty Coordinator Report

- 🐾 The National Guidelines have expanded over the years from 20 pages to 40 pages.
- 🐾 The answer to most questions regarding hosting a National is in the guidelines.
- 🐾 We now have basic guidelines for trophies and the raffle as well.
- 🐾 The guidelines also need to be modified to be in compliance with the by-laws.
- 🐾 Donna reviewed a few facilities and possible problems associated with each.
- 🐾 Entries are down over 100 from 2017 at the same site.
- 🐾 A discussion took place on the problem with cancelled reservations.
- 🐾 There should be specific persons as liaisons with the hotel who should not be overridden.
- 🐾 A Nowak/Kerwin-Bush motion to accept both the 2019 National report and the National Coordinator's report was passed.

Secretary

- 🐾 Reviewed the expenses associated with the position (ink cartridges, stamps, etc.)

- ✿ A Quirk/Bell motion was passed to accept the report.

Treasurer

- ✿ Lynda handed out profit/loss and balance sheets.
- ✿ She stressed the importance of filling out reimbursement forms or members will not get reimbursed.
- ✿ Lynda thanked Dave Mates for all his help with the transition to treasurer within the last two years.
- ✿ Lynda was asked what is included for our AKC bill. She will research this and get back to the Board.
- ✿ The Purina donations split need to be decided annually. A Chase/Miller motion to split the fund 50% to education and 50% to health and genetics was passed.
- ✿ A Kerwin-Bush/Flynn motion was passed to accept the treasurer's report.

Finance Committee

- ✿ The balance is up from last year.
- ✿ The 2018 National profit is up due to the hotel not charging some significant fees due to construction.
- ✿ The ESAA Regional specialties no longer need to be listed in profit/loss due to the regional club taking responsibility for all profits and losses. A Brimble/Whorff motion was passed that it no longer needs to be included in the finance committee report.
- ✿ Going forward the split for the March agility trial will be a 65%/35% split ESAA/NCESC. The venue will be changing due to issues with the new owner at the former facility.
- ✿ The 2016/17 Annual ran at a loss of close to \$14,000. However, the cost savings of no longer printing a monthly newsletter helps to off-set some of those expenses. It was pointed out that we need to look at it as giving something to our members for their dues.
- ✿ Comp rooms cannot be given to members due to a tax violation, with the exception of the show chairs and chief ring stewards. Dave made a suggestion for distribution of comp rooms. It was suggested this needs to be included in the National Guidelines. A Quirk/Brimble motion was passed that the National coordinator determine and include in the National guidelines the distribution of the comp rooms.
- ✿ A Flynn/Quigley motion was approved to accept the finance committee report.

2020 National Report

- ✿ Logo wear will be on sale after the Board meeting at the Mega Center. Order forms will also be available.
- ✿ Colleen Bell presented several options for a possible schedule for 2020. Western will be hosting a regional specialty, but only for a single day. They will look over the options and get back to Colleen on their preference.
- ✿ The Mega Center is contracted from Saturday, September 12 – Friday, September 18, 2020.
- ✿ Kathy will be getting an estimate from Rau. The concern is the cost of getting their equipment on the road for that distance. Several options were discussed. We still need to get multiple proposals from other superintendents.
- ✿ Most committees and chairs are filled with hospitality being the biggest vacancy at this point.
- ✿ The 2020 National report was passed on a Chase/Kerwin-Bush motion.

Facebook

- ✿ Facebook followers continue to grow each year. Photos get the largest response, followed by flyers, and then written communications.
- ✿ A Quirk/Nowak motion was passed to create a committee to be chaired by Lisa Moreau to establish guidelines for the ESAA Facebook page.
- ✿ The report was passed on a Kerwin-Bush/DiSiena motion.

Standing Rules

- ✿ A Hunter/Quigley motion to table this report until the next teleconference, as requested by chair Julie Quirk, was passed without exception.

Old business:

Judges' selection:

- ✿ The rank voting pilot worked out very well.
- ✿ Having the regional vice presidents talking to their constituents and giving nomination suggestions was well received.
- ✿ A Quirk/Nowak motion was approved to make these new processes permanent.
- ✿ It was suggested that Penny send a list of who attends the judges' education seminars to the secretary who can then disburse to the regional clubs for sweeps judges.
- ✿ A Brimble/Worff motion was made to approve the report.

Mileage reimbursement discussion

- ✿ A Quirk/Brimble motion was made to reimburse \$.14/mile for mileage. This will supersede all previous policies. Following some clarifications, the motion was passed.

Pedwin discussion

- ✿ The right to AKC's stud book is the property of ESAA.
- ✿ ESAA is supposed to be signing an annual permission form from AKC for the stud book records, but this has not been happening. Kathy will fill out a form to have information sent to the ESAA historian going forward regarding the AKC Stud Book, the list of New Titles, and the OFA data base.
- ✿ ESAA may have a designated person running the pedigrees for members but it is not to be a shared database.
- ✿ Julie Quirk explained that we need someone to research what pedigree programs might be available for livestock that could be a fit for ESAA. Ideally, we would like the data to be able to be migrated to the new program.
- ✿ At this point we need some suggestions for who might be able and willing to take on this task so the committee can be formed.

National Specialty

- ✿ Establish proposed deadlines due dates by which a National proposal must be submitted.
- ✿ Beginning in 2022, it was suggested to have an initial proposal of January 1 two years and nine months prior to the window for the ESAA National. The final proposal, other than a few minor adjustments, must be submitted by April 1 two years and five months prior to the window for the National. All final negotiations will be done by the finance committee and the National coordinator.
- ✿ A Quirk/Chase motion was passed to approve the above deadline.

2021 Possible National discussion

- ✿ Sandy Miller shared information on the location used by numerous parent breed club specialties of Frankenmuth, MI at the Bavarian Inn. Sandy had some dates that would be available in 2021 for an indoor show. It is a large events center that is adjacent to the Inn but all tables, chairs, etc. would need to be rented and brought in. She shared some layout options based on what other breeds used in the past. Sandy also shared some preliminary figures for the event center as well as for the hotel rooms.
- ✿ Dates will be checked for Pheasant Run's availability.
- ✿ Hopefully someone can check into Ashville, NC which is where the Irish Setter Club held their 2019 National.

Winter Garden Specialties – judges, trophies, changes, updates

- ✿ Room nights: people need to reserve room nights at the host hotel to keep the venue cost at a reasonable rate. Host hotel confirmation will be required to reserve grooming space.
- ✿ There have been several changes in clubs with a few dropping out, and a few others replacing them.
- ✿ The cost of the venue has gone up for the first time. Any time in the future when carpets might need to be deep cleaned the cost will be split between the hotel and the cluster.

- ✿ Limited reserved parking will be sold in 2020 to help off-set expenses.
- ✿ Any excess ESAA trophy funds will go to the WGS specialty two years later.
- ✿ Mary Nowak volunteered to solicit trophy donations for WGS.
- ✿ Judges: Maureen Day works with the other clubs to try to get shared judges who are honored to be able to judge at such a prestigious event. The Board prefers that we have a ballot that we present to the membership. Kathy will give us a list of three names to submit to the membership. Anyone is welcome to give names to Kathy if they would be able to work within the WGS limitations.
- ✿ A Brimble/DiSiena motion was passed to approve the report.

New business:

ESAA Regional Specialty banners

- ✿ Kate Simon created the design and Julie Brimble had them made on vinyl. Julie B. also shared a banner for Meet The Breeds. The cost will come out of the Education fund. It was approved on a Kerwin-Bush/Flynn Motion.

Take the Lead proposal

- ✿ The ESAA Board had a request to make a donation to Take the Lead.
- ✿ Donating to a charitable organization like Take the Lead is in conflict with ESAA's charter. Therefore, a Quirk/Kerwin-Bush motion to deny a donation to Take the Lead was passed.

Field trial conformation class

- ✿ The ESAA Board was asked to break the current Field Dog conformation class into two separate classes: Hunt Dog/Bitch class (any dog holding the hunting dog or hunting dog excellent titles from the ESAA hunting dog tests as published in the ESAA newsletter or as confirmed by the hunting dog committee chair; or who have been awarded an AKC Hunt Test title as confirmed by the AKC Gazette.) and the Field Trial Dog/Bitch class (any dog placing first, second, third or fourth in any regular class in an AKC licensed Field Trial).
- ✿ A Chase/Flynn motion was passed to make the change for 2020.

Health survey

- ✿ It was suggested that we request the ESAA Health and Genetics chair to create a brief survey about the health status of our breed.
- ✿ A Brimble/Chase motion was passed to pursue this.

Adjournment: A Quigley/Nowak motion was made to adjourn at 1:33.

Respectfully Submitted,

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